



2017 Vaping Policies in UK Councils Report

**A report from The Freedom
Association's *Freedom to Vape*
Campaign**

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Introduction and key findings

In November 2016, we published a groundbreaking report looking at the vaping policies of all UK councils. We have done the same again this year to see if any councils have changed their policies as a result of advice from Public Health England (PHE) which was included in the Government's Tobacco Control Plan.

In total, 391 councils responded to our freedom of information requests - a successful response rate of just under 94 per cent. The key findings of this research show that:

- **126 councils (32 per cent of those who responded) require vapers to use designated smoking areas** in all or some circumstances, despite that fact that vapers are not smokers. **This is an increase from 112 councils in 2016.**
- When asked if councillors are due to debate the Government's Tobacco Control Plan and/or PHE's advice on vaping policies, a total of 287 councils replied no.
- When asked if the council's policy will be reviewed as a result of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan, 150 councils either said yes, was scheduled for review later this year or in 2018, or that the policy was under review - a measly 38% of those councils who replied.

Background

Electronic cigarettes are, according to Public Health England (PHE), the number one stop smoking aid in the UK.¹ It is estimated that there are 2.9 million vapers in the UK², and around 97 per cent of users are current or former smokers.³ The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has stated that vaping is at least 95 per cent safer than smoking combustible tobacco.⁴ E-cigarettes were recommended as a quit aid for smoking in PHE's 'Stoptober' campaign.

PHE has also issued advice⁵ to organisations that they should "ensure policies are informed by the evidence on health risks to bystanders".

1. BBC Radio 4 Today Programme: <https://soundcloud.com/the-freedom-association/bbc-radio-4-today-prof-kevin-fenton-interview>
2. ASH: <http://ash.org.uk/media-and-news/press-releases-media-and-news/large-national-survey-finds-2-9-million-people-now-vape-in-britain-for-the-first-time-over-half-no-longer-smoke/>
3. Philip Morris Ltd: https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/freedomtovape/pages/326/attachments/original/1509992925/Frontier_report_smoke-free_England_Nov_2017_%281%29.pdf?1509992925
4. Royal College of Physicians: <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/news/promote-e-cigarettes-widely-substitute-smoking-says-new-rfp-report>
5. Public Health England: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vaping-in-public-places-advice-for-employers-and-organisation>

Nor is vaping a gateway to smoking.¹ In a report published in February 2016, ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) said:

“It has been hypothesised that electronic cigarettes could act as a ‘gateway’ to smoking tobacco among children and to the ‘renormalisation’ of smoking. However, current evidence suggests this phenomenon is not occurring, at least in Great Britain. In fact, since electronic cigarettes have been on the market, smoking prevalence has declined among children. Whilst some never-smokers are experimenting with electronic cigarettes, regular use is rare among children and current electronic cigarette use is confined almost entirely to those who have already tried smoking”.

Considering the overwhelming body of evidence that has (and continues to be) accumulated over recent years that shows that e-cigarettes are a vastly safer way to consume nicotine, that there isn't a risk for bystanders, and that e-cigarettes are not re-normalising smoking in any significant way, it would be reasonable to assume that councils would do everything they could to make it easy for their employees to make the switch from combustible tobacco to e-cigarettes.

As this report proves, the vast majority of councils are either willfully ignorant or have chosen to ignore the advice of respected bodies like the Royal College of Physicians.

PHE stated in 2016 that “it is never acceptable to require vapers to share the same outdoor space with smokers”, however, this report highlights that 126 councils (32 per cent of those who responded) ignore this advice and require vapers to use designated smoking areas in all or some circumstances, despite that fact that many vapers are not smokers - they are using e-cigarettes as a way to stay smokefree.

Despite the Government's Tobacco Control Plan² stating that “PHE recommends that e-cigarette use is not covered by smokefree legislation and should not be routinely included in the requirements of an organisation's smokefree policy”, almost 90 per cent of councils still make no distinction between smoking and vaping. Furthermore, only 38 per cent of councils who responded to our freedom of information requests stated that they would review, have scheduled reviews, or are currently reviewing, their policies as a result of the most recent advice from PHE and the Government. Many were openly hostile.

It is also worrying that councillors are generally excluded from the decision making process. When we asked “are councillors due to debate/discuss the Government's Tobacco Control Plan and/or Public Health England's advice on vaping policies?”, 287 councils replied either no, or there were no plans at present. That is just over 73 per cent of those who responded.

1 ASH: <http://ash.org.uk/stopping-smoking/ash-briefing-on-electronic-cigarettes-2/>

2. UK Government Tobacco Control Plan: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/towards-a-smoke-free-generation-tobacco-control-plan-for-england>

Here is a small selection of replies that highlight the points we have been making:

- **Blackpool Council** replied by saying that “we have no immediate plans to review our existing Policy. The Council promotes a smokefree and vape-free environment to promote good health and the well-being of all staff, visitors, contractors and clients as well as to communicate a positive corporate image and set an example to other employers, workforces and the general public. Blackpool’s Director of Public Health continues to advocate for smokefree and vape-free public places.” This is despite the fact that by promoting vaping the council would be promoting the good health and wellbeing of staff.
- **Broadland District Council** said that “staff who use e-cigarettes should not ‘smoke’ these within the council’s buildings and the same restrictions apply as to smokers of cigarettes. Vapers are able to use the designated smoking areas alternatively they may choose to use their own vehicle”.
- **Buckinghamshire County Council** states that "staff and visitors are required to use designated smoking areas on council owned or leased property in order to vape".
- **Chichester District Council** said “after many years of lobbying and campaigning it is considered socially unacceptable to smoke in public places. E-cigarettes may lead to smoking becoming normalised, undermining the impact that the smoking ban has had on de-normalising smoking in public places.”
- **Cumbria County Council** said that “use of e-cigarettes or ENDS in the workplace is currently unregulated. Extensive trials have not been undertaken to establish if they are safe and tests by Trading Standards have shown that some e-cigarettes are in contravention of product safety regulations. Using e-cigarettes simulates smoking behaviour. Allowing use of e-cigarettes can be viewed as condoning smoking. Cumbria County Council, in line with British Medical Association Occupational Medicine Committee and the Board of Science guidance, does not support the use of e-cigarettes in the workplace. It actively supports employees to stop smoking for their health and also supports actions to denormalise smoking. Consequently Cumbria County Council applies the same restrictions to the use of e-cigarettes that apply to smoking tobacco products.” This is an appalling policy and the council doesn’t seem to think that there’s anything wrong with it.
- **Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council** said that “the No Smoking Policy was looked at in light of Public Health England guidance that came out last year on e-cigarettes, and it was decided that the existing policy did not need to change.”
- **East Lindsey District Council** replied by saying that “there is no established evidence that e-cigarettes are safe, effective or produced to any standard or quality. There is evidence that such products produce emissions which could be harmful to others. The use of e- cigarettes in the workplace is therefore prohibited.” The council has no intention of reviewing its policy in the light of recent evidence and councillors are not due to debate the issue.

- Despite the ‘Stoptober’ campaign recommending e-cigarettes, **Fareham Borough Council** said, “We follow national campaigns when publicised. We do not encourage e-cigarettes as a means of smoking cessation.” It obviously doesn’t follow national campaigns very closely!
- **Great Yarmouth Council** stated that “public health experts would not recommend their use until they become a regulated product and there is clear and established evidence of safety and long term health impacts.” Another council that has not read PHE’s advice.
- **Hyndburn Borough Council** said that it “will consider evidence but have no plans to treat e-cigarettes any differently... We intend reviewing it [the policy] soon but not making any substantial changes”. In other words, the council has made up its mind before it conducts a review and there are no plans for councillors to debate the policy.
- **Newark and Sherwood District Council** says that “employees who work from home or away from their main base are not permitted to smoke whilst working on Council business.” As the vaping policy is the same as the smoking policy, this most bizarre, unenforceable policy, must apply to both.
- **Northamptonshire County Council** was the only council in the UK to refuse to give us a copy of its smoking policy because (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret. (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).
- **Southend-on-Sea Council** does not encourage staff to use ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems), and said “that is not an oversight, it is by design”.
- **South Norfolk Council** tells its employees that they may smoke or vape during their lunch breaks, but only discreetly to limit them being identified as council workers. The council goes on to suggest that “this could be achieved by covering identifiable logos or for depot staff by stepping behind a stationary refuse vehicle so they are not visible from the road etc.”

The following councils plan to review/are reviewing their policies due to PHE guidance, and councillors will be consulted about any changes:

- **Ashford, Bolsover, Cheshire East, Copeland, Cornwall, Dover, Durham County Council, Halton, Hertfordshire, High Peak, Inverclyde, Kent, Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Waltham Forest, Norfolk, North East Derbyshire, Oxfordshire, Renfrewshire, Rochdale, Scarborough, Sefton, Sheffield, Shropshire, Solihull, Southampton, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stockton-on-Tees, Tendring,**

That is under 7 per cent of all UK councils

Although councils in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland do not look to PHE for guidance, we asked the same questions. Councils are free to set their own policies and can look to any body or report for guidance. Most councils in the devolved nations refused to answer the question as to whether or not they would review their policies as a result of advice from PHE included in the Government's Tobacco Control Plan. **East Renfrewshire** was one of the few that did, and replied by saying:

“East Renfrewshire Council is based in Scotland and considers all appropriate advice. For example, there has been recent guidance from NHS Scotland in terms of E-cigarettes published in September 2017. As such the Council would consider potential UK guidance from the relevant governing bodies or national guidance which may apply rather than only one specific publication guidance.”

East Renfrewshire is very much the exception to the rule. The Shetland Islands Council replied by saying that the policy will be reviewed "only when Scottish guidance is issued". Glasgow Council, though, has one of the worst policies of any council in the UK. Instead of looking to the RCP for guidance, it instead looks to a discredited report that has been proven to be wrong:

“Impartial studies such as Harvard reports and US Food and Drug Administration research state that the vapour has been found to contain detectable levels of several known carcinogens and toxic chemicals to which users could potentially be exposed. The reports also suggest that by simulating the use of cigarettes, E-Cigarettes might reactivate the habit in ex-smokers.”

Unsurprisingly, Glasgow Council doesn't have any intention to update this outdated policy.

Recommendations

Councils regards themselves leaders in their communities. They often say that it is important that they set a standard that others will follow. If all of this is true, then faced with the overwhelming evidence that e-cigarettes and other tobacco harm reduction products could save millions of lives, the **overwhelming majority of councils in the UK need to change their policies.**

Councillors are our elected representatives. They should always be involved in the decision making process.

All councils should immediately **end the policy of making vapers use designated smoking areas.**

One of the attractions of vaping over smoking is that it is something you can do indoors. No-one enjoys standing out in the cold and rain. **Introducing indoor vaping areas would encourage more employees to quit smoking.**

Following the lead of Public Health England, **all councils should promote e-cigarettes as a quit aid to staff and the wider communities they serve.**

About Freedom to Vape

The Freedom to Vape campaign is a non-partisan campaign from The Freedom Association. It has three main aims:

- To remove the regulations imposed on the vaping industry by the European Union's 2014 Tobacco Products Directive (TPD) (which came into force on 20 May 2016), including the ban on advertising, the maximum size of tanks, the size of e-liquid bottles, and the strength of e-liquids.
- To raise awareness of the differences between vaping and smoking combustible tobacco.
- To set-up a 'freedom to vape' scheme for businesses who welcome vapers.

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Sources and Methodology

Freedom of Information requests were sent to all district, county, unitary, metropolitan, London borough councils, including the City of London Corporation, on 20 September 2017. A total of 417 councils were contacted. Here is the full list of questions asked:

1. Please supply me with a copy of your council's policy on the use of e-cigarettes on council premises. This includes all council owned or leased buildings (for example, libraries, offices, museums), council owned or leased property (for example, parks, gardens, and other areas that form part of the grounds of council offices), and vehicles (for example, council owned or leased cars and vans).
2. Please inform me if staff are required to leave their place of work (for example, their desk or vehicle) to vape.
3. Please inform me if staff and visitors have to leave the grounds of council owned or leased property to vape.
4. Please inform me if staff and visitors are required to use designated smoking areas on council owned or leased property in order to vape.
5. Please inform me if your council's policy on the use of e-cigarettes differs in any way from your council's existing policy on smoking. If it does, please explain the differences.
6. Please detail your council's policy, if there is one, for staff smoking cessation and also if you encourage your staff to use e-cigarettes as a means of smoking cessation.
7. Please inform me when your policy on the use of e-cigarettes was last reviewed, if it is under review, and/or if it is due to be under review in the near future.
8. The Government's Tobacco Control Plan explicitly states that "Public Health England has produced guidance for employers and organisations looking to introduce policies around e-cigarettes and vaping in public and recommend such policies to be evidence based. PHE recommends that e-cigarette use is not covered by smokefree legislation and should not be routinely included in the requirements of an organisation's smokefree policy". If the council has not reviewed its policy since the publication of this control plan, does it have any plans to do so in the future?
9. Are councillors due to debate/discuss the Government's Tobacco Control Plan and/or Public Health England's advice on vaping policies?

Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report, a substantial number of councils chose not to answer the questions above and referred us to their relevant policies. Many of those policies are ambiguously worded, therefore we had to interpret them to get answers to our questions.

The responses from all councils can be found in the table below.

Council	Policy on vaping is the same as smoking	Staff must leave place of work to vape	Staff and visitors must leave the grounds to vape	Staff and visitors must use designated smoking areas to vape	Has the policy changed since August 2016?	Will the policy be reviewed as a result of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan?	Are councillors due to debate or discuss the Government's Tobacco Control Plan and/or Public Health England's (PHE) advice on vaping policies?	Notes taken from FOI response
Aberdeen City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	The organisation's policy is in line with the related Scottish Guidance -To support improving health in line with the Creating A Tobacco-Free Generation – A Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland
Aberdeenshire Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	It looks like the council gave an incorrect answer last year when it said that vapers must use designated smoking areas in order to vape as smoking and vaping are not allowed on council premises or grounds. That policy was updated in April 2016. As a Scottish local authority, it will be looking at guidance published by Public Health Scotland.
Adur District Council	YES	YES	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	NO	NO	NO	At the Health & Safety Board on 19th July 2016 the Board confirmed that there was no reason to change the present situation of excluding vaping / e-cigarettes at work following on from the publication of the Public Health document.
Allerdale Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	
Amber Valley Borough Council	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	YES	NO	The Council does not currently have a policy on vaping in Council premises. I can confirm that we have received no requests from staff or the public about vaping on Council premises. In light of the recent campaign by Public Health England we will be considering our approach to vaping on our premises.
Angus Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	N/A	NO	
Antrim and Newtonabbey Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	Public Health England is an executive agency sponsored by the Department of Health who are the ministerial department who lead, shape and fund health and care in England. In Northern Ireland, the Public Health Agency (PHA) guidance applies.
Ards and North Down Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO POLICY IN PLACE IN 2016	NO	NO	The Smoking policy was revised by Ards and North Down Borough Council on 1 June 2017 to include the prohibition of use of E- cigarettes and Vapes and is not due to be up for review in the near future.
Argyll & Bute Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO - SEE NOTE IN BOLD	NO - SEE NOTE IN BOLD	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	There are no plans to review the policy. PHA in Northern Ireland do not support the use of e cigarettes for smoking cessation. Last year the council responded by saying that staff must vape in designated smoking areas. This year the answer was no. Probably an error last year.
Arun District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Ashfield District Council	NO	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NO	It was not felt appropriate to require people to vape in smoker shelters provided.
Ashford Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	We are proposing to create smoke-free Civic Centre and Stour Centre grounds from January 2018. The proposal will be debated by councillors and consultation with staff and public will be undertaken. We are proposing an 18 month trial, vaping will, however, be permitted. It is not intended to make any changes to the council's smoking policy; although a review will be undertaken after the 18 month trial to determine if the policy remains fit for purpose.

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Aylesbury Vale District Council	NO	YES	NO	STAFF MUST USE A DESIGNATED VAPING SHELTER	NO	YES	NO	PHE guidance will be considered as part of the review of the local Tobacco Control Strategy in 2018
Babergh District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	E-cigarettes can only be used outside and in close proximity to the designated smoking areas stated in the Smokefree Policy as stated under 'Premises'.
Barnsley Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	SEE NOTE	ALREADY REVIEWED	NOT ANSWERED	<p>Whilst the Council acknowledges PHE's statements that e-cigarettes carry a fraction of the risk of cigarettes; have the potential to help drive down smoking rates; improve public health; and help to denormalise smoking; and accept that current evidence indicates that the risk to the health of bystanders from exposure to e-cigarette vapour is extremely low, the use of e-cigarettes in the workplace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is a matter of professional etiquette and projection of a clean and healthy image for our premises <input type="checkbox"/> May lead to 'lookalikes' (e-cigarettes made to resemble cigarettes) being misconstrued as cigarettes <input type="checkbox"/> May have an impact on public perception of the Council and its employees <input type="checkbox"/> May affect people with asthma and other respiratory conditions who can be sensitive to a range of environmental irritants, which could include e-cigarette vapour. <input type="checkbox"/> May be a distraction for those vaping and also a nuisance or distraction for people nearby. <input type="checkbox"/> Would be contrary to the Council's aim of inspiring a 'smokefree generation' in the borough. <p>The council also requires vapers (and smokers) to remove their Council ID card and lanyard so they cannot be immediately associated with the Council. Employees are not allowed to vape (or smoke) whilst wearing a council uniform.</p>
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO - EXISTING SMOKING POLICY EXTENDED TO VAPING	NOT ANSWERED - LAST REVIEWED IN OCTOBER 2017	NOT ANSWERED	Any reference to smoking or smokers within this policy expressly includes any form of e-cigarettes, vaping or similar.
Basildon District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - REVIEW PLANNED BY SEPTEMBER 2018	NO	
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	NO - BUT SEE NOTE	YES	UNCLEAR	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	Our current policy was reviewed in April 2016 and will next be reviewed in April 2018. The only difference is that vapers do not have to use designated smoking areas.
Bassetlaw District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	NO	
Bath & North East Somerset Council	YES	YES	NO	NOT CLEAR - SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	In 2016 we were told that vapers must use designated smoking areas. This year we were referred to the policy which says, "Employees are encouraged to keep on the move whilst smoking, they must not stand in groups in one place whilst smoking and must not create litter by their cigarette end disposal." The policy on vaping is exactly the same as the smoking policy.

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Bedford Borough Council	NO - SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	Staff and visitors wanting to vape are asked to use the designated vaping areas on council owned or leased property which is separate from designated smoking areas.
Belfast City Council	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	The Council does not have a policy on the use of e-cigarettes on Council premises. The one exception to this is a prohibition on the use of e-cigarettes within one particular office building, due to the fire alarm system. This [the UK Government's] Tobacco Control Plan and the Public Health advice relate to England and not Northern Ireland. As such it is not anticipated that these will be debated / discussed by our Councillors.
Birmingham City Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	The council is undergoing significant change. Since it is not anticipated that the introduction of the guidance from Public Health England will change the Council's approach no immediate review is planned. Policies are being reviewed as a part of normal good business practices. It is anticipated that the smoking policy will be reviewed in the next 12 months.
Blaby District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	WAS REVIEWED IN MAY 2017 IN RESPONSE TO THE PLAN - NO CHANGE	NO	Although again there is no evidence, it can be perceived that this is likely to have a significant effect on children who grow up seeing this habitual behaviour occurring regularly in all environments. They may then either be tempted to try the product or in terms of changing the culture around our use of cigarettes and tobacco products, will be less inclined to see the behaviour of 'smoking' as a negative health damaging behaviour but as an acceptable and 'grown up' behaviour.
Blackpool Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	We have no immediate plans to review our existing Policy. The Council promotes a smokefree and vape free environment to promote good health and the well-being of all staff, visitors, contractors and clients as well as to communicate a positive corporate image and set an example to other employers, workforces and the general public. Blackpool's Director of Public Health continues to advocate for smokefree and vape-free public places.
Blaenau Gwent County Borough	YES	YES	STAFF - YES VISITORS - NO	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	Public Health Wales issued a position Statement on 26th January 2017 confirming that while some evidence is available on the potential for ENDS to have a negative impact on indoor air quality it is still inconclusive as to the level of potential harm. It is advised that until a more definitive risk assessment is completed restrictions on the use of ENDS in enclosed public spaces should continue. BG Policy will be reviewed in line with the findings of said risk assessment upon its publication.
Bolsover District Council	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	There is a new draft 'No smoking Policy' going through the approval process at the moment, which does include reference to E-cigarettes.
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	We intend to review in the future but no dates have been confirmed, therefore this information is not held.
Boston Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	NO	

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Bournemouth Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	Last year we incorrectly stated that no smoking or vaping was allowed on council premises and grounds. The council states that the policy prohibits smoking in all owned and operated buildings and grounds by Bournemouth Borough Council, except in certain designated outside areas. Vaping policy is the same as the smoking policy.
Bracknell Forest Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	Policy reviewed in February 2017. Vapers now no longer have to use designated smoking areas. The council's Public Health team have been liaising with HR on all smoking and e-cigarette matters
Bradford Metropolitan Council	YES	YES	NOT CLEAR	NOT CLEAR	NO - BUT SEE NOTE	NO - BUT SEE NOTE	NOT ANSWERED	Council states that it has slightly amended its policy taking into account Public Health England's (PHE) latest advice, however, its e-cigarette policy is exactly the same as its smoking policy, so has rejected PHE's advice. The only possible difference is that vaping is "likely to be away from designated smoking areas", but even this isn't clearcut.
Braintree District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	No specific date to review but we have an ongoing review timetable for all Council policies
Breckland District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Policy was reviewed in February 2017. No change.
Brentwood Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NOT KNOWN	NO	
Bridgend County Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Brighton and Hove City Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	The Policy was last reviewed in February 2016. All our employment-related policies are kept under review and revised, as necessary, in response to changes in legislation, case law and best practice. The next scheduled review of this Policy is February 2019.
Bristol City Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	The council refers below to a change of policy, but we cannot see a difference from last year for staff. However, we are aware that Smokefree Bristol recommends e-cigarettes as a stop smoking aid. More here: https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/1090275/0/Guidance+for+stop+smoking+practitioners+supporting+clients+using+an+e-cigarette/e958fe9b-d48d-436e-b559-a623b82fc7ce
Broadland District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Staff who use e-cigarettes should not 'smoke' these within the council's buildings and the same restrictions apply as to smokers of cigarettes. Vapers are able to use the designated smoking areas alternatively they may choose to use their own vehicle.
Bromsgrove District Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	"Smoking will not be allowed in the entrance way to any of the authorities buildings or within a distance from windows that would allow smoke to enter the building." Policy includes the use of e-cigarettes and incorrectly refers to e-cigarettes as "smoking materials" along with cigarettes and pipes

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Broxbourne Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	REVIEWED IN SEPTEMBER 2017	NO	<p>A total ban on smoking, including E cigarettes, personal vaporizers (PVs) and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) has been agreed inside all buildings and vehicles owned by the Council.</p> <p>Staff must not smoke immediately outside entrances used by the public. Where designated smoking areas have been provided staff must use these while smoking at work. Members of the public are permitted to smoke in a limited number of designated, open air, smoking areas. Members of staff are not permitted to smoke in these areas.</p>
Broxtowe Borough Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	POLICY REVIEWED	POLICY REVIEWED	<p>Employees are prohibited from smoking on all Council premises/land/vehicles. Employees can vape on Council premises/land but not vehicles.</p>
Buckinghamshire County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES - SEE NOTE	YES	NO	<p>Last year's response on vapers using designated smoking areas said "Staff, contractors, service users, clients and visitors are not required to use designated smoking areas although many do to congregate together in an area to chat whilst smoking/vaping."</p> <p>This year the reply was, "Staff and visitors are required to use designated smoking areas on council owned or leased property in order to vape"</p> <p>The council says it "commissions a free Smokefree Support Service, which is e-cigarette friendly. The service is not able to prescribe e-cigarettes however they will support clients that choose to use this method in their quit attempt."</p>
Burnley Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	<p>Designated smoking areas are available but staff/visitors are free to go to other outside areas if they wish.</p>
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	<p>Bury Council passed a motion in Sept, 2016 to sign the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control. I have not been advised of any future intentions to debate/ discuss the governments Tobacco Control Plan and/or Public Health England's advice on vaping policies.</p>
Caerphilly County Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	<p>Your final two questions relate to Public Health England guidance and are therefore not applicable to Wales. However, just last week Welsh Government published a new delivery Tobacco Control Delivery Plan for Wales 2017-2020.</p> <p>(The Tobacco Control Delivery Plan for Wales only mentions e-cigarettes in a negative way. One of the action points in the plan to prevent people taking up smoking is to "review and update guidance to schools and other settings for children to ensure that alternative nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes, are not promoted as a lifestyle choice.)</p>
Calderdale Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	REVIEWED IN SEPTEMBER 2017	NO	<p>We do not encourage e-cigarettes, but the policy signposts to smoking cessation help</p>
Cambridge City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES, THE COUNCIL PERIODICALLY REVIEWS ITS POLICIES	NO	<p>The rules outlined in our No Smoking at Work policy include provision for vapour and electronic cigarettes. Use of these products at work is restricted as described in the policy. The Council does not provide amenities to aid or help employees to smoke. Therefore, there are no designated areas to smoke or vape</p>

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Cambridgeshire County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	This [a review] is currently being discussed with the relevant politicians and the Human Resources Department. Advice is being sought from Democratic Services at the Local Authority to see if any amendment, regarding vaping, to the Policy requires a formal Council debate.
Cannock Chase District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Although there is no formal policy in place, it is effectively the same as the smoking policy. The council states that "we have no current plans to introduce any policy with regard to vaping" and "we have no restrictions regarding where people can vape outside."
Canterbury City Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	"..Each internal policy will have a full review of its contents to ensure it remains up to date with current legislation as well as industry best practice and guidance. No dates have been allocated to such plans as yet but as no full review has taken place since June 2016, this will likely be sooner rather than later."
Cardiff Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - DUE FOR REVIEW IN 2017	SEE NOTE	There is no item in our forward plan to come forward as a report to Full Council. If the policy was reviewed/changed then this would normally be considered and approved by Cabinet.
Carlisle City Council	YES	YES	YES - where the premises are enclosed or substantially enclosed	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Carmarthenshire County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES AND GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	Policy reviewed in September 2016. Due for review in September 2019.
Castle Point	YES	YES	NO	NOT CLEAR	NO	NO	NO	
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	
Central Bedfordshire Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	E-Cigarettes and their use are covered in our existing Non-Smoking Policy. There are designated smoking areas on Council grounds, but "E-Cigarettes can be used in any safe and discreet outside area".
Ceredigion County Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	SEE NOTE	The policy will be reviewed within the next 6 months. The review will take into account any new guidance from Public Health Wales. Government's Tobacco Control Plan and/or Public Health Wales's advice on vaping policies will be part of the policy review. If it results in major changes to the policy then it may be taken back to Cabinet.
Charnwood Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES - WHERE PROVIDED	NO	NO	NO	Policy last reviewed in February 2017

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Chelmsford Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	The Council's rationale for prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes is that, although they do not produce smoke, electronic cigarettes produce a vapour that could provide an annoyance or health risk to other employees. In addition to this, some electronic cigarette models can, particularly from a distance, look like real cigarettes, making the enforcement of a smoke free environment difficult to police, and creating an impression for visitors/customers/other employees that it is acceptable to smoke within the workplace. The policy was last reviewed in 2014
Cheltenham Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	There are no designated smoking areas at the main offices, staff have to leave the grounds. Some other sites have a smoking area within the grounds. Where there are designated areas, staff have to use them. All policies are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure they still comply with relevant legislation. (Not sure when the next review will take place)
Cherwell District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NO	Although no formal policy in place, vapers are treated in exactly the same way as smokers. Staff are required to vape in the designated smoking areas.
Cheshire East	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	The Policy is reviewed every 12 months however a more detailed review is underway this year due to PHE guidance.
Cheshire West and Chester	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	The policy will be reviewed when new evidence is received from Public Health.
Chesterfield Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN NOVEMBER 2017	NOT KNOWN	The Council's rationale for a ban on e-cigarettes is that: • although they do not produce smoke, e-cigarettes produce a vapour that could provide an annoyance or health risk to other employees; • some e-cigarette models can, particularly from a distance, look like real cigarettes, making a smoking ban difficult to police, and creating an impression for visitors, customers and other employees that it is acceptable to smoke.
Chichester District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	After many years of lobbying and campaigning it is considered socially unacceptable to smoke in public places. E-cigarettes may lead to smoking becoming normalised, undermining the impact that the smoking ban has had on de-normalising smoking in public places.
Chiltern District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO POLICY IN PLACE IN 2016	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	Employees may smoke away from the boundaries of the Council premises, subject to the operational needs of their business area. The boundary in question is identified on the attached plan and a designated smoking area has been provided.
Chorley Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Policy last updated in 2012, no plans to review
Christchurch Borough Council	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	YES	N/A	NO	Essentially there is no difference in that staff are not allowed to vape within council owned buildings or vehicles. However, there is a difference in why as this is not to prevent passive smoking but rather to stop annoyance of other staff or visitors to our buildings, to create an atmosphere that we feel is conducive to a professional organisation. The use of chargers for e-cigarettes is prohibited due to well documented safety concerns that have been widely reported. Policy reviewed in September 2017

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City & County of Swansea	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	We operate under the Guidance of Public Health Wales and will further review policies and procedures under their direction as appropriate.
City of Edinburgh	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	The City of Edinburgh Council reviewed their policy in September 2017 with no changes being made. The Public Health England guidance you refer to was issued in July 2017. I have attached the NHS Health Scotland local authority guidance which was created in January 2017 which may be of assistance and is relevant to Scotland.
City of Glasgow	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	NO	Policy reviewed in August 2017. E-Cigarettes are increasingly being used by smokers who view them as the 'healthier' alternative to traditional cigarettes or tobacco. However they are not permitted to be used or charged within council premises and /or vehicles and must be smoked externally in line with current policy. Advice should be given that it is better not to use any form of nicotine in the long term. Impartial studies such as Harvard reports and US Food and Drug Administration research state that the vapour has been found to contain detectable levels of several known carcinogens and toxic chemicals to which users could potentially be exposed. The reports also suggest that by simulating the use of cigarettes, E-Cigarettes might reactivate the habit in ex-smokers.
City of London Corporation	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	NO	Although entitled "No Smoking Policy" the scope of the policy states that: "E-cigarettes including personal vaporizers (PVs) and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) that mimic tobacco smoking and produce a vapour, including flavoured aromas either with or without nicotine, are included within this policy's definition of smoking."
City of Westminster	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	Policy reviewed January 2017, no changes
City of York	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
Clackmannanshire Council	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	
Colchester Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	The next scheduled review is in 2020.
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council)	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	As a Scottish Local Authority the Comhairle have acted on the Scottish Government's 'CREATING A TOBACCO-FREE GENERATION - A Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland' and will consider any further guidance published by the Scottish Government concerning the matter. http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0041/00417331.pdf
Conwy County Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Copeland Borough Council	YES	YES	NOT CLEAR	YES	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	YES - UNDER REVIEW	Copeland policy on the use of e cigarettes is the same as the policy for regular ones. Designated areas are also the same.
Corby Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	

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Cornwall Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	YES	YES	Although the policy has not formally changed, and it is being reviewed as a result of advice from PHE, the council has introduced designated vaping areas away from designated smoking areas, and staff are permitted to vape in their private vehicles parked on council land.
Cotswold District Council	YES	YES	YES	N/A	NO	NO	NO	
Council of the Isles of Scilly	PROBABLY - SEE NOTE	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	The council has replied again saying their is no policy in place. Trying to get information out of this council is difficult. On a follow up email the council did say that according to its disciplinary policy, "Smoking, including e-cigarette or vaping, is prohibited on the Council's premises".
Coventry City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	The City Council has commenced a systematic review of its employment policies and procedures. The Council's smoking policy will form part of this review although a timeframe has not yet been established. The Council is aware that aids to stop smoking are available that mimic the look and feel of real cigarettes. Due to the perception that someone is smoking a real cigarette when they are using these aids the Council includes them in this policy. The Council also advises that there are more well established methods that can help people to quit smoking. Therefore, the rules as set out in sections 3.1 – 3.5 will also include the 'smoking' of replica/electronic cigarettes.
Craven District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	NO	Staff are no longer required to use designated smoking areas to vape, however, the "policy applies to the use of all substances that can be smoked, including cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, cigars, pipes and e-cigarettes."
Crawley Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	Existing policy is for smoking only, written in 2007. This does not reference E Cigarettes or vaping. Although not referenced in policies, vaping would be treated in the same way as smoking. The Policy was reviewed and the consensus was that vaping would continue to be included, but not as a H&S consideration. Rather it was of an image and equality message.
Cumbria County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	Vaping has been discussed at the Cumbria Public Health Alliance and at Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board both of which contain Cumbria County Council elected members. These bodies both endorsed the advice detailed in point 6 above. [E-cigarettes should not be encouraged as a smoking cessation tool] There are no planned further discussions or decision expected from elected members.
Dacorum Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	The policy will be reviewed in line with new legislation.
Darlington Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	This information will be considered but the Council policy covers wider issues other than health associated with e-cigarettes and cigarettes so is unlikely to revise purely based on this guidance.
Dartford Borough Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
Daventry District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	No reviews since November 2013, and there are no plans to review the policy on E-Cigarettes in the future.
Denbighshire Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO - REVIEWED ON 19/09/2017 - NO CHANGES	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	Public Health Wales provides guidance for Welsh authorities. There is no plan to review the policy.

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Derby City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	Livewell will work with individuals to support them to quit if they choose to use e-cigarettes as an aid to quit. E-cigarettes are not actively promoted.
Derbyshire County Council	YES	YES	NO	NOT USUALLY	NO	YES	NO	The council does not encourage the use of e-cigarettes as a means of smoking cessation. Our policies are reviewed on a regular basis and the 'No Smoking' policy is due for review in the New Year when this new advice will be taken into consideration.
Derbyshire Dales	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Derry City and Strabane District Council	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	YES	YES - SEE NOTE	The council has a Policy Working Group who are in the process of reviewing our smoking policy which may include the use of e-cigarettes and vaping. A report for approval to Council Committee is hoped to be provided within the next 2 months.
Devon County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	A review of the Devon County Council Corporate Smoking at Work Policy is on the agenda for the next Public Health and Communities Leadership Team meeting. Following the discussion and review of this policy at that meeting, Public Health may recommend amendments to the policy.
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	The No Smoking Policy was looked at in light of Public Health England guidance that came out last year on e-cigarettes, and it was decided that the existing policy did not need to change.
Dorset County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	
Dover District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO - BUT SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	YES	YES	The council said in August 2016 that no policy was in place. According to the "Smoking Policy" agreed in January 2016 (a copy of which was attached to the latest FOI) e-cigarettes are included. The council will review again in January 2018 and consider advice from PHE. Councillors will also consider this. "E-cigarettes only in certain designated areas, separate to the designated smoking areas".
Dudley Metropolitan Borough	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	Dudley MBC are part of the Black Country Tobacco Control Alliance network and as such are actively involved in reviewing national guidance to inform local practice to reduce tobacco related harms.
Dumfries and Galloway Council	YES	YES	YES	NO - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	Designated areas are no longer available but smoking is permitted in car parks. We are not an English local authority, therefore Public Health England guidance does not apply. E-cigarettes, vaping and any other device that is associated with smoking should be treated in exactly the same way as any other form of smoking and are not permitted to be smoked in Council buildings, at or around entrances and the connecting access points.
Dundee City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	POSSIBLY	POSSIBLY	Smoking cessation comes under Healthy Working Lives, and vaping was not treated as a means of smoking cessation, but this may be reviewed following the recent statement from the Scottish Government and Health Charities, but it is too early to say.

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Durham County Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	YES	YES	Where practical, an accessible externally designated 'smoking/vaping area may be allocated by the responsible building manager, following a suitable risk assessment and local consultation. We are currently refreshing our local Tobacco Control Action Plan for the next 5 years 2017 – 2022. This is being done in line with evidence/guidance from the New national plan, of which vaping is included. The local action plan is being developed with councillor involvement.
East Ayrshire Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	UNDER REVIEW - SEE NOTE	NO	I can confirm that consideration is given to guidance issued by NHS Health Scotland rather than Public Health England as this does not apply in Scotland.
East Cambridgeshire	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	We were told last year that the vaping policy was under review. It has been reviewed and the council has decided to continue treating vaping in the same way as smoking. We were also told last year that those wishing to vape had to use designated smoking areas, however, the previous policy stated that smoking and vaping are not allowed on the grounds. This continues. This is from the new smokefree policy: <i>"While the use of electronic E-cigarettes (vaping) is recognised by Public Health England as being 'less harmful' than other forms of smoking, this policy applies to their use in the same way as other forms of smoking and aims to prevent exposure to the vapours they produce in the same way that exposure to tobacco smoke is prevented."</i>
East Devon	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	The Council will not engage in or condone activities that promote smoking or the use of smoking materials or otherwise encourage persons to smoke. For the avoidance of doubt E-Cigarettes are also treated as cigarettes under this policy
East Dorset District Council	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	YES	N/A	NO	Essentially there is no difference in that staff are not allowed to vape within council owned buildings or vehicles. However, there is a difference in why as this is not to prevent passive smoking but rather to stop annoyance of other staff or visitors to our buildings, to create an atmosphere that we feel is conducive to a professional organisation. The use of chargers for e-cigarettes is prohibited due to well documented safety concerns that have been widely reported. Policy reviewed in September 2017
East Dunbartonshire Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	ANSWERED N/A AS IT IS A SCOTTISH COUNCIL	ANSWERED N/A AS IT IS A SCOTTISH COUNCIL	The same restrictions apply to e-cigarettes as with normal cigarettes in that employees are not permitted to use e-cigarettes within Council premises, at or near the main entranceways to Council premises, Council vehicles or within the grounds of any Local Authority Buildings. In addition, where an employee is using their own vehicle for business purposes and is carrying other employees/clients as passengers, they should not use e-cigarettes.
East Hampshire District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	NO	Policy reviewed in 2016. Last year we were told that there was no policy in place.
East Hertfordshire	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - IN OCTOBER 2018	NOT ANSWERED	"Must use designated smoking area but may review this shortly" - same reply as last year.

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East Lindsey District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	Use of e-cigarettes – There is no established evidence that e-cigarettes are safe, effective or produced to any standard or quality. There is evidence that such products produce emissions which could be harmful to others. The use of e-cigarettes in the work place is therefore prohibited.
East Lothian Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	N/A	NO	
East Northamptonshire Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	YES	NO	At East Northamptonshire House there are external ashtrays situated at specific points for those who wish to smoke. If people wish to use electronic cigarettes they must also take a smoking break outside.
East Renfrewshire Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	SEE NOTE	YES - UNDER REVIEW - SEE NOTE	NOT ANSWERED	Reply last year said there was no policy in place. East Renfrewshire Council is based in Scotland and considers all appropriate advice. For example, there has been recent guidance from NHS Scotland in terms of E-cigarettes published in September 2017. As such the Council would consider potential UK guidance from the relevant governing bodies or national guidance which may apply rather than only one specific publication guidance.
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	POLICY REVIEWED ON 1 JUNE 2017	NO	Employees should not smoke or use e-cigarettes or vape immediately outside Council entrance points. Employees are representatives of the Council and should portray a professional image at all times.
East Staffordshire Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - REVIEW DUE IN JUNE 2018	NO	
East Sussex County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Advice on smoking cessation is contained in the policy and we don't encourage the use of e-cigarettes
Eastbourne Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	No smoking or vaping is permitted within 5 metres of council premises. The policy is due for a scheduled review in 2018
Eastleigh Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - ANNUAL REVIEW WAS DUE TO TAKEPLACE IN OCTOBER 2017	NO	
Eden District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW	
Elmbridge Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO - WAS REVIEWED IN JULY 2017	NO	NO	We are aware that the use of e-cigarettes does not fall under the smokefree legislation, but we have no plans to change our current policy.

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Epping Forest District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	<p>The smoking and vaping policy is due for review. It is not anticipated that there is any significant change needed and the policy is likely to remain unchanged.</p> <p>Public Health England's guidance on smoking and vaping was considered and did inform the current policy. The Council acknowledge that vaping is considerably less harmful than smoking and can be an aid to giving up smoking.</p> <p>Our current policy complies with the Health Act. It also considers users of e-cigarettes by promoting segregated areas for vaping and for smoking. A covered area for vaping is provided that would be considered an enclosed space under the Health Act.</p> <p>The Councils current policy reflects the wishes of the majority of staff, including smokers and vapers, who did not want vaping to be permitted inside our buildings.</p> <p>The policy also conforms with Public Health England's recommendations in the Government's Tobacco Control Plan.</p> <p>At present we do not know what Councillors intend to debate.</p>
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	
Erewash Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - CURRENTLY IN DRAFT FORM WAITING APPROVAL	NOT KNOWN	
Essex County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	<p>Employees and visitors are only permitted to smoke in designated areas identified by site management that are away from buildings, windows, doorways and central walkways, this includes e-cigarettes. There are currently no plans to review the policy.</p>
Exeter City	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	<p>Although they fall outside the scope of smoke-free legislation, the organisation prohibits the use of e-cigarettes in the workplace. The organisation's rationale for a ban on e-cigarettes is that:</p> <p>although they do not produce smoke, e-cigarettes produce a vapour that could provide an annoyance or health risk to other employees;</p> <p>some e-cigarette models can, particularly from a distance, look like real cigarettes, making a smoking ban difficult to police, and creating an impression for [visitors/customers/other employees] that it is acceptable to smoke.</p>
Falkirk District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - POLICY UNDER REVIEW	NO	
Fareham Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	REVIEWED IN AUGUST 2017	NO	<p>We follow national campaigns when publicised. We do not encourage e-cigarettes as a means of smoking cessation.</p>
Fenland District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES - SCHEDULED REVIEW IN 2018	NO	<p>Last year there weren't any designated smoking areas. This year there appears to be and vapers must go there if they wish to vape in the grounds.</p>
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	<p>The Policy has not been reviewed since the publication of the control plan in July 2017. The Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland does not support the use of e-cigarettes for smoking cessation.</p>

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Fife Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	Currently under review, however, it is unclear if this is as a result of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan. Due to the lack of regulation, unknown harm caused by second hand vapour and potential undermining of smoking prevention and cessation, Fife Council will not permit the use of e-cigarettes in Council premises other than designated smoking areas
Flintshire County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	The current policy was reviewed in April 2017. Will be next reviewed in 2020.
Forest Heath District Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
Forest of Dean District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	The Council supports the ethos of healthy living through not smoking and will actively seek to promote this image and practice. It therefore does not permit the use of electronic cigarettes, vapourisers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems within its premises.
Fylde Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	Last year there was no policy in place. The Policy will not be reviewed in the next 12 months as it was only recently reviewed. The Tobacco Control Plan was released after we had reviewed our policy. When we do come to review the policy, we will look at the Tobacco Control Plan and e-cigarettes/vaping.
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	YES	SEE NOTE	The policy states that "Smoking is not permitted by employees, members, volunteers, visitors, contractors and the public on any council premises (inside buildings, outside entrances to buildings and in the grounds)." FOI officer says that vapers must use designated smoking areas even though there doesn't appear to be any. The Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board, which includes locally elected members, is due to consider a paper on the new national Tobacco Control Plan on 20th October 2017. Also, our Public Health Team is currently leading a review for the Care, Wellbeing and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee of local activity to reduce harms arising from tobacco use in Gateshead. The review will hear evidence on the role of vaping in reducing tobacco harms locally.
Gedling Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	Gedling Borough Council doesn't have a Public Health function and the answers to these questions have been provided by Nottinghamshire County Council.
Gloucester City Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	As far as the Council knows, there are no imminent plans to review Gloucester City's policy on the use of e-cigarettes/vaping.
Gloucestershire County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	NO - POLICY REVIEWED IN AUGUST 2017	NO	
Gosport Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NOT CLEAR	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	All policies are reviewed regularly or in response to changing legislation. The Council have an allocated smoking shelter.

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Gravesham Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	YES - SCHEDULED FOR ANNUAL REVIEW	NO	One small change. "Smoking areas are provided at the depot, at the main civic centre smokers tend to smoke on Community Square in front of the building. Staff wishing to vape can use these facilities if they wish to or may choose to walk around the outside of the building or use another area of the square."
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	WAS REVIEWED IN JANUARY 2017	NO	"Unlike Nicotine Replacement Therapy products (patches, gum etc.) and other stop smoking medications NVs are not currently licensed or regulated, and therefore there are no guarantees about their safety, efficacy and quality. There is also some evidence that the vapour produced may cause an irritant to others for example those with respiratory health conditions such as asthma, particularly when used in enclosed and substantially enclosed public places. Therefore public health experts would not recommend their use until they become a regulated product and there is clear and established evidence of safety and long term health impacts." Have obviously not read PHE's advice! Vapers do not have to use designated smoking areas.
Guildford Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	The Council reviews its policy annually and will consider any changes to legislation as part of that.
Gwynedd Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	Answered "N/A" as it is a Welsh council.
Halton Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	YES	Since the publication of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan in July, we have developed a local Halton Tobacco Control Plan informed by the new national policy. An identified action of the Halton Tobacco Control Plan will be to review local workplace smoke-free policies, taking into account recent evidence related to e-cigarettes. This review will be undertaken following final sign off of the Halton Tobacco Control Plan.
Hambleton	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	All HR policies are still subject to a review, HR are working through all policies, there is no agreed deadline for this
Hampshire County Council	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	YES	YES - UNDER REVIEW	SEE NOTE	Hampshire County Council is currently reviewing the organisation's smoking policy in relation to smoking and e-cigarettes. Former policies are suspended. The Council cannot confirm content until the revised policy is confirmed and formally published. Therefore, we are unable to answer the subsequent queries raised in your freedom of information request.
Harborough District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	SEE NOTE	NO	NO	Last year the council said it did not have a policy in place. Since then it has updated its policy to treat vaping in exactly the same way as smoking, thus completely ignoring PHE's advice.
Harlow Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - DECEMBER 2017	NO	
Harrogate Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Hart District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	Policy last reviewed in November 2015 and is scheduled for review in November 2017.
Hartlepool Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN 2017	NO	Council does not have designated smoking areas but requires staff and customers to use tobacco and/or e-cigarettes off site and away from entrances to buildings.

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Hastings Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	INFORMATION NOT HELD	The Council has not reviewed its policy since the introduction of the control plan but does intend to review the policy imminently.
Havant District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO POLICY IN PLACE IN 2016	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	Our policy on e-cigarettes was reviewed in 2016. Not applicable, review taken place.
Herefordshire Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	The Tobacco Control Plan also states: "The government will therefore continue to evaluate critically the evidence in nicotine delivery products, providing clear communication about what is known and unknown about the short and long term risks of using different products relative to smoking and the absolute risk to children, non-smokers and bystanders". Until this evaluation is complete, we will adopt the precautionary principle and will not seek to review the policy until its due date of July 2019.
Hertfordshire County Council	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	The only key difference in the smoking policy and use of E-Cigarettes is that when smoking the designated areas must be used, however e-cigarettes must be used outside of HCC premises and but can be away from designated smoking areas. Although we are not required to include e-cigarette use in our Smokefree policy we do actually do so. We continually review our Smokefree policy by quarterly attendance at the Tobacco Control Alliance run by Public Health. Members have debated PHE advice both at Cabinet Panel and at Cabinet while considering the policy when in draft the Public Health Strategy including Tobacco Control was discussed publicly by members on 21st September 2017 and the Tobacco Control Alliance will be producing an action plan to cover our response to the new tobacco control plan.
Hertsmere Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
High Peak Borough	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - WILL BE REVIEWED IN 2018	YES	E-cigarettes may be used in the grounds of Council premises but out of the public eye.
Highland Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	Public Health England does not have remit under Scottish Authorities however as our current policy on e-cigarettes/vaping does not differ from the councils smoking policy this would not apply.
Hinckley & Bosworth District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Last reviewed July 2015 and there are no current intentions to review.
Horsham District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - DUE FOR REVIEW IN DECEMBER 2017	NO	
Hull City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	A report is being submitted to area Committees around the Tobacco Control plan but this doesn't include Vaping Policies.
Huntingdonshire District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Hyndburn Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	We will consider evidence but have no plans to treat e-cigarettes any differently.
Inverclyde Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW - SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	The No Smoking Policy is currently under review and the stance of treating it the same as smoking has not changed. It is appreciated that e-cigarettes are safer, the decision on whether or not to permit vaping may need to be reconsidered, that will be considered as part of the review. Revised policy will go before the Policy and Resources Committee for discussion/approval.

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Ipswich Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES -SEE NOTE	REVIEWED IN JUNE 2017 - SEE NOTE	NO	In 2016, smokers and vapers had to go off-site in order to smoke and vape. Revised policy allows smoking and vaping on-site away from buildings and windows, however, vapers must now use designated smoking areas if they wish to vape on-site. The policy has gone backwards!
Isle of Anglesey Council	YES	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	NO - SCHEDULED REVIEW IN APRIL 2019	NO	Those using e-cigarettes are advised to do so in an area not in the vicinity of those smoking tobacco to avoid exposure to second hand smoke.
Isle of Wight Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	Although not routinely required to include this, the council operates a smoke free policy on all smoke based products which includes the use of e-cigarettes.
Kent County Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	YES	The Cabinet Committee overseeing the Council's Health Reform and Public Health agenda has recently discussed Tobacco Control and agreed for a paper on the Tobacco Control work being led by KCC Public Health to come to the committee on 13th March 2018.
Kettering Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	Being reviewed as a part of the current look at our H&S General Policy.
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	The council does not provide any amenities which will aid or help employees to smoke. If necessary, Heads of Service may designate smoking areas outside council buildings, which may include the grounds.
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	POLICY REVIEWED IN SEPTEMBER 2017	SEE NOTE	A new local tobacco control plan will be developed later this financial year to replace one that is due to expire soon. These issues will be considered during that process.
Lancashire County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	Smoke free Policy includes reference to e-cigarettes, the policy was last reviewed July 15 and generally our policies are reviewed every 3-5 years or in the event of changes in legislation/best practice etc.
Lancaster City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	
Leeds City Council	YES	YES	YES - SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	YES - CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT	NOT AT PRESENT, BUT THIS MAY CHANGE	As per our policy, staff and visitors are required to leave the grounds council owned or leased property to vape. Where designated smoking areas are provided then these would be required to be used.
Leicester City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	SEE NOTE	Informal briefings for key councillors on the new Tobacco Control Plan have taken place.
Leicestershire County Council	NO	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	There are two designated vaping areas and two designated smoking areas at County Hall (see guidance for more information). Other Council premises have their own arrangements, specified at each individual site. Policy reviewed in April 2017. Further review due in April 2018.
Lewes District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	No smoking or vaping is permitted within 5 metres of council premises. The policy is due for a scheduled review in 2018
Lichfield District Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
Lincoln City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	We will keep our current policy under review and monitor any recommendations as part of our ongoing work and focus on Health and Wellbeing. The next official review is 2020 and there will be full consideration given to evidence based recommendations and finding from now until then as part of this.

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Lincolnshire County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	SEE NOTE	We are aware that on 29 November the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is due to consider a pre-decision item on the procurement of Stop Smoking Services. At this stage it is not known whether the procurement decision report will explicitly reference the Government's Tobacco Control Plan or PHE's advice on vaping policies.
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	This council has gone backwards after reviewing its policy earlier this year. Previously, vapers did not have to use designated smoking areas. Now they do. This legislation [Government's Tobacco Control Plan] does not apply in Northern Ireland.
Liverpool City Council	YES	YES	NO	NO POLICY ON USE OF DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY TO FOI IN 2016	NO	NO	The policy was last reviewed in May 2017. Currently we have no plans to review our No Smoking policy, which covers the use of e-cigarettes
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	YES IF THE REVIEW FINDS THIS WOULD BE REQUIRED	Vaping is being highlighted as a form of promoting stop smoking/cessation attempts and thus encouraging people to vape as a quitting aid (our stop smoking services are also aiding those who wish to quit smoking using vapes along with behavioural support)
London Borough of Barnet	YES	YES	YES	YES - WHERE THESE ARE PROVIDED	NO	NO	NO	The response last year referred us to the 'Smoking at Work' policy which was not clear on certain aspects. This year the questions have been answered directly which has removed any ambiguity.
London Borough of Bexley	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY TO FOI IN 2016	YES	YES	Vaping is treated in the same way as smoking by the Council. PHE support the use of vaping devices as a replacement for smoking. The Council feel it would be a backward step to allow products that are a replacement for smoking to be introduced into existing smoke free areas. In the light of the publication of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan it is timely to review the Smokefree Policy.
London Borough of Brent	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	The policy is currently under review, partly due to this control plan. Last year we were told that there were no designated smoking areas. This year we have been told that vapers must use designated smoking areas.
London Borough of Bromley	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	The Civic Offices have two designated areas for staff/visitors to vape.
London Borough of Camden	YES	YES	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	NOT ANSWERED	Last year we were told that there were no designated smoking areas. This year we were told that staff and visitors are required to use designated smoking areas to vape. The vaping/smoking policy is "due for further review over the next 12 months".
London Borough of Croydon	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - WILL BE PART OF REVIEW IN 2017/18	NO	
London Borough of Ealing	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	The review will be taking into account the recent Tobacco Control Plan.
London Borough of Enfield	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	Requested information using an online form. No reply and we couldn't get through on the phone.
London Borough of Greenwich	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	DUE FOR REVIEW IN 2018	NO	

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London Borough of Hackney	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham	NO POLICY IN PLACE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	There is no specific policy however, staff and visitors are expected to vape outside. We were referred to the reply from last year.
London Borough of Haringey	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO - ALREADY REVIEWED	NO - ALREADY EXTENSIVELY DEBATED	The council recognises that some people may be using e-cigarettes as an aid to giving up or reducing smoking and so permits e-cigarette use (vaping) within outdoor council premises.
London Borough of Harrow	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	The council's policy on smoking tobacco and on e-cigarettes are the same in that they are not allowed within the building. Staff are advised to stop smoking but the council no longer offers stop smoking services to staff or to the residents of Harrow. The council supports the use of e-cigarettes as a means of stopping smoking. We do not have any plans to review the stop smoking policy, to introduce a policy on vaping or for councillors to debate or discuss the national Tobacco Control Plan.
London Borough of Havering	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	NO	E-cigarettes produce a visible vapour that can be seen by other Council workers and members of the public. The vapour emission can possibly contain nicotine and other harmful and toxic substances, which may affect other Council workers' wellbeing. E-cigarettes are normally used for helping people to stop smoking. However, E-cigarettes are not allowed to be smoked in the workplace and all Council workers must refrain from smoking E-cigarettes during paid work time.
London Borough of Hillingdon	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	The Smoking at Work Policy was last reviewed in May 2012 and will be subject to a planned review of all HR policies over the next 12 months.
London Borough of Hounslow	YES	YES	YES	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	There is no general requirement under the Council's Smoke Free Policy, for the use of designated smoking areas. The exception to this is Council residential care premises. The Smoke Free Policy was last reviewed in March 2017, and has recently been agreed. Review is on a biennial basis. The council will review the policy on e-cigarettes in line with the agreed review schedule.
London Borough of Islington	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - MAY 2018	NO	
London Borough of Lambeth	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	SEE NOTE	Discussions led by Public Health officers have been taking place with stakeholders on the Government's Tobacco Control Plan. We are aware that the implementation plan for the national Tobacco Control Plan is being drafted; on publication of the national implementation plan we will consider the local implications. Any significant local action that may be required as a result of the Plan will need to be discussed and agreed locally with the relevant councillors.
London Borough of Lewisham	YES	YES	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	At this stage Lewisham Council is not looking to review the policy as it was implemented in 2014, but we will review as part of a wider exercise in due course, taking into account any relevant developments, including from the Government's Tobacco Control Plan in conjunction with our colleagues from Public Health.

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London Borough of Merton	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - DUE FOR REVIEW SHORTLY	SEE NOTE	The approach to the review of the policy, including any engagement of members is still to be confirmed. If you have any queries or concerns about this please contact me.
London Borough of Newham	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO POLICY WAS IN PLACE	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	All of the Council's HR policies are periodically reviewed. The council acknowledges the difference between vaping and smoking, and the evidence published by Public Health England on the relative risks posed to users and bystanders. For most people, vaping is a positive move away from the greater health harms posed by smoking. However, e-cigarettes can look like real cigarettes particularly from a distance which makes a smoking ban difficult to enforce, creating an impression for visitors, customers or other employees that it is acceptable to smoke in workplace premises. The use of e-cigarettes is therefore prohibited on Council premises including outside the entrances/exits to its buildings.
London Borough of Redbridge	YES	YES	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	YES- SCHEDULED REVIEW DUE AT THE END OF 2018	NO	In 2016 we were told that there were no designated smoking areas. This year we were told that "staff and visitors are required to use designated smoking area on council owned or leased property in order to vape."
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	The policy is currently under review and the new policy will cover Wandsworth and Richmond Councils.
London Borough of Southwark	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	"Although second hand smoke is not currently considered an issue with e-cigarettes, they are unregulated products and carry some health and safety risks." Policy updated December 2014, no plans to review
London Borough of Sutton	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	When asked if the council will review its policy as a result of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan & PHE's advice, the reply was "N/A". Therefore the council has refused to answer that question. It also ignored the question regarding councillors debating/discussing the issue.
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	YES - SLIGHTLY, SEE NOTE	YES - REVIEWED IN JUNE 2017, FURTHER REVIEW EXPECTED IN JUNE 2018	NO	Use of electronic cigarettes is banned from enclosed areas, but they can be used in open areas where they are not in view of Council entrances.
London Borough of Waltham Forest	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	YES	
London Borough of Wandsworth	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	SEE NOTE	The policy is currently under review and the new policy will cover Wandsworth and Richmond Councils. The Tobacco Control plan will be discussed at the Wandsworth Public Health Board, reporting to the Health & Wellbeing Board which has Councillor membership.
Luton Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	There are no specific instructions in relation to staff leaving the grounds to vape or staff and visitors being required to use designated smoking areas to vape.
Maidstone Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Employees who smoke must do so in their own time and not in work time and where there is a designated smoking area then this should be used. This applies to all employees in all jobs at all sites and to visitors to Council premises.
Maldon District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES - UNDER REVIEW	UNDER REVIEW	The policy was last reviewed in October 2016
Malvern Hills District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES FOR STAFF	NO	NO - POLICY REVISED IN 2016	NO	

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Manchester City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	It is intended that the policy on smoking and related aspects will be reviewed in 2018. Given that the policy is not due to be reviewed until 2018, no such debate has been scheduled.
Mansfield District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NO	
Medway Council	YES	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	"Use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted inside Council premises. However, since these products are generally used for reducing or stopping smoking, use is not confined to designated external smoking areas. Since electronic cigarettes often resemble 'standard' cigarettes very closely, staff should not be seen using electronic cigarettes whilst in uniform, either in paid or unpaid time."
Melton Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	Staff are encouraged to use designated areas when in the grounds of the main offices, this is to discourage vapours entering the building through open windows.
Mendip District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Use of electronic cigarettes in the workplace is not permitted. Please use either the smoking shelter in the Cannards Grave car park or the staff garden by the kitchen.
Merthyr Tydfil Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	All health and safety policies are reviewed annually including the No Smoking Policy which was last reviewed in August 2017. It will next be reviewed in January 2018.
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	DON'T KNOW. NO REPLY IN 2016	NO ANSWER - NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCIL	NO ANSWER - NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCIL	The safest and most effective way to stop (smoking) is with the support of a stop smoking service who can provide regulated, licensed nicotine replacement therapy. Public Health Agency NI (PHANI) advises caution in regard to these devices, with a clear message of "don't smoke and don't vape." Mid & East Antrim Borough Council will provide smoking cessation assistance to all employees who wish to stop smoking/vaping. Details of such assistance will be promoted using the internal communications network.
Mid Devon District Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	Council stated that original request was not received. Any response received will arrive too late to be included in this report
Mid Suffolk District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	E-cigarettes can only be used outside and in close proximity to the designated smoking areas stated in the Smokefree Policy as stated under 'Premises'.
Mid Sussex District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	
Mid-Ulster District Council	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	Failed to respond to a follow up request for more information asking if vapers could vape indoors, had to leave the grounds, or use designated smoking areas.
Middlesbrough Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - DUE FOR REVIEW THIS YEAR	NO	Smoking is not permitted at any time, in any Council owned and/or managed buildings or in grounds within the immediate vicinity including entrances and exits. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes.
Midlothian Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	As a Scottish Local Authority the Council have and will continue to take direction from the Scottish Government.
Milton Keynes Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - GUIDANCE BEING REVIEWED	NO	

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Mole Valley Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	All entrances to the building and the pavement area outside the front of the Council building must be kept smoke-free. All HR Policies are reviewed regularly to ensure content is up to date and reflects the needs of the organisation.
Monmouthshire Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	In January 2017 Public Health Wales (PHW) issued a position statement that states that "Until a more definitive risk assessment can be completed, voluntary restrictions on the use of [electronic cigarettes] in enclosed public spaces should continue." MCC, as a Welsh local authority, would take advice from PHW rather than Public Health England and at present the advice does not suggest a need to review our policy. We reviewed our policy in September 2017, to treat e-cigarettes the same as tobacco cigarettes.
Moray Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	Smoking Policy was last reviewed in 2014 and is to be reviewed May 2019.
Neath Port Talbot Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	"I can confirm that we did not receive an email regarding this request on 20th September however we did receive one from you on 9th August which we responded to on 22nd August, see attached." That was last year's request
New Forest District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Newark and Sherwood District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	"Employees who work from home or away from their main base are not permitted to smoke whilst working on Council business." As the vaping policy is the same as the smoking policy, this most bizarre, unenforceable policy must apply to both.
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	All policies are subject to review and there are currently regular Smoke Free Newcastle meetings. Any recommendations on amendments to the policy may be influenced by these meetings and would be considered. Newcastle has regular Smoke Free Newcastle meetings, I can confirm that these meetings are chaired by a councillor and this issue is on the agenda to be discussed at their next meeting.
Newcastle-under-Lyme Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	No vaping or smoking allowed on council premises at the main office. Depot site – Yes we have separate designated smoking and vaping areas on site. Policy reviewed in March 2017.
Newport City Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	The policy will be reviewed before the end of the year, however Public Health Wales' guidance on the issue differs to Public Health England.
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO POLICY IN PLACE IN 2016	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	Review took place and policy became effective from July 2017. The policy is not due for review until 2021 when any necessary debate and discussion will take place. Smoking is prohibited throughout all Council premises (workplaces) with no exceptions and is only permitted at the designated smoking areas, this includes the use of e-cigarettes and vapourisers.
Norfolk County Council	NO	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	YES	We have designated smoking points for smoking, but e-cigarettes can be used freely outside buildings

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North Ayrshire Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	Responsibility for the National Health Services in Scotland is a devolved matter and therefore rests with the Scottish Government. This includes Public Health. On 21/09/2017 NHS Health Scotland released a media statement on the safety of e-cigarettes at http://www.healthscotland.scot/media/1575/ecigs-consensus-media-release_final-002.pdf but have not issued any accompanying guidance for organisations regarding their use in the workplace. Therefore NAC issues notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 that this information is not held.
North Devon District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	The policy will be reviewed in the future
North East Derbyshire	YES	YES	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	YES	YES	Last year we were told that vaping was allowed in designated smoking areas. This year we have been told that vapers must leave the grounds and there are no designated smoking areas. The policy, though, has not been changed in the interim. At this time, our arrangements regarding non smoking include the use of E-Cigarettes and as such does not follow the recently published PHE guidance. The Council's Senior Management team would discuss the draft policy first then it would go to the Unions for consultation. Following Union Consultation the draft policy will be presented to Cabinet where the Councillors would get to discuss the policy.
North East Lincolnshire Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NO	
North Hertfordshire District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	
North Kesteven District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	NO	The only change is that vapers do not have to use designated smoking areas. The council states that it does not have designated areas on site. Last year it did.
North Lanarkshire Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	N/A - SCOTTISH COUNCIL	NO	Each Building Manager would make the decision on where employees may smoke cigarettes or e-cigarettes.
North Lincolnshire Council	YES	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	Certain types of council premises may have designated smoking areas, such as residential accommodation. The council has not reviewed the smoking policy since the publication of the Tobacco Control plan and there is currently no plans to review the policy in light of this.
North Norfolk District Council	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NO	The Council does not have a specific policy on the use of e-cigarettes on council premises. The issue was considered by the Council's Staff Focus Group and subsequently the Corporate Leadership Team outlined their expectation in relation to vaping, which was "There's been a question recently about the policy in relation to e-cigarettes. The Staff Focus Group agreed that there should be no use of e-cigarettes in the building – including on the balconies. If people are looking to use e-cigarettes they can go into the car park, the only request is that people avoid the main entrances."

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Nottingham City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	NO	
Nottinghamshire County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NO	The council is reviewing its overall Tobacco Control Plan and scoping its implications in the context of planned integration of the NCC Wellbeing at Work scheme, Making Every Contact Count (MECC, an approach to everyday interactions to promote health and wellbeing) and the Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Declaration on Tobacco Control, in order to provide support and guidance to our partners and stakeholders. It is anticipated that this will include advice on reviewing existing policies that refer to e-cigarettes and vaping.
Nuneaton & Bedworth	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
Oadby & Wigston District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	DONT KNOW	NO	To enable conduct of the highest standard and the provision of an acceptable working environment, the Authority will not allow use of alternative cigarettes/instruments, electronic or otherwise, to be used within any of its premises or vehicles (including those hired by the Authority) except for designated smoking areas
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	REVISED IN MAY 2017 BUT NOT CHANGED	YES	LOCALISED DEBATE OCCURS FROM TIME TO TIME	For the purposes of this policy, the use of electronic cigarettes is to be regarded in the same way as tobacco cigarettes (i.e. they are not permitted to be used in any work related setting).
Orkney Islands Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	N/A	N/A	PHE documentation does not apply to Scottish local government.
Oxford City Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Oxfordshire County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	YES - CABINET TO DISCUSS	
Pembrokeshire Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	Councils in Wales do not follow Public Health England advice. Wales has its own Tobacco Control Delivery Plan produced by the Welsh Government and advice is provided by Public Health Wales.
Pendle Borough Council	YES	YES	IT DEPENDS ON THE LOCATION	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - AT NEXT SCHEDULED REVIEW	NO	
Perth & Kinross Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	The review of the Council's Smoking Policy is being conducted in line with the Scottish Governments Tobacco Control Strategy - Creating a Tobacco-Free Generation.
Peterborough City Council	YES	YES	YES	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	UNCLEAR - SEE NOTE	NO	This policy applies to all forms of smoking, including those who use E-Cigarettes. Consequently, all staff are expected to leave their place of work and grounds of council premises in order to vape, and to use designated smoking areas. The policy was last reviewed in January 2017 with no changes made to the policy, and is due to be reviewed in December 2018, unless there are any legislation changes before then or it is felt that the policy needs to be changed following the publication of The Government's Tobacco Control Plan.
Plymouth City Council	SEE NOTE	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	YES - DUE FOR REVIEW BY THE END OF 2017	NOT ANSWERED	The guidance does not specify whether staff need to leave the grounds of the council to vape, nor does it specify if staff are required to use designated smoking areas. Last year the council replied saying that no policy was in place.

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Poole Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	POLICY IS KEPT UNDER GENERAL REVIEW, ALTHOUGH IT HASN'T CHANGED SINCE 2015	NO	Not all sites are suitable for provision of designated space. Designated space allows for separation of Smokers and Vapers
Portsmouth City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	
Powys County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	We follow Welsh Government legislation and guidance.
Preston City Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - SCHEDULED REVIEW WITHIN A YEAR	NO	
Purbeck District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	
Reading Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	Reading Borough Council have no policies specifically relating to vaping/the use of e-cigarettes. However please find attached our guidance of 2007 relating to 'anything that can be smoked' on all council premises/vehicles. Staff are not permitted to vape inside any council building. There are no designated areas for vaping within the main council building. However there are two designated smoking/vaping areas at our DSO Office.
Redcar and Cleveland	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	REFUSED TO ANSWER - SEE NOTE	REFUSED TO ANSWER - SEE NOTE	Did not answer the questions in the final reply. We asked them again, and they failed to respond.
Redditch Borough Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO - SEE NOTE	"Smoking will not be allowed in the entrance way to any of the authorities buildings or within a distance from windows that would allow smoke to enter the building." Policy includes the use of e-cigarettes and incorrectly refers to e-cigarettes as "smoking materials" along with cigarettes and pipes. It has been agreed that this [vaping] will be classed as smoking, therefore the current Smoke Free Policy applies. This has not and will not be debated by Councillors, this was agreed by the Joint Health & Safety Committee for Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District Councils.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Renfrewshire Council	YES	YES	YES	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	YES	Yes, if designated areas are provided. Designated areas in care homes are for client use. The control plan applies to England only but, as part of the current review, the Council will look at advice and guidance available both from the Scottish Government, NHS and other agencies and groups.
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	YES - VAPERS NO LONGER HAVE TO USE DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	Staff and visitors do not have to use designated smoking areas, but the area they do use to vape must be approved by local management. Rhondda Cynon Taf Council is in Wales and therefore follows the advice of the Welsh Assembly Government and Public Health Wales, rather than Public Health England

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Ribble Valley Borough Council	YES	YES	UNCLEAR	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	
Richmondshire	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	SEE NOTE	YES - REVIEW DUE IN DECEMBER 2017	NO	In 2016 we were told that vapers had to use designated smoking areas. This year we were told that there is no smoking of vaping allowed on the grounds. The policy document has not changed.
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	We are currently in the process of reviewing our organisation's Smoke Free Policy as well as developing a Vaping Policy based on the Public Health England guidance for employers and organisations. A task group has met to review the Council's smoke free policy and to write a vaping policy for staff and visitors to council buildings. The task group is familiar with PHE guidance document 'Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces' and are using this to inform the council's vaping policy. It is recognised that smoking and vaping are different activities and the policy will reflect this. The council are supportive of e-cigarette use as a harm reduction measure. The council's Tobacco Free Action Plan has recently been reviewed in line with the national and Greater Manchester strategies. This document will go through the necessary local governance.
Rochford District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	This is on the Human Resources workplan for 2017/18
Rosendale	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO	NO	Whilst smoking or vaping, every reasonable step must be taken by the employee to ensure they are not in view of the public whilst in uniform. The Policy was reviewed in December 2015. Policies are normally reviewed on a 3 yearly basis or updated in light of any changes to legislation or case law changes.
Rother District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - WILL BE REVIEWED IN JANUARY 2018	NO	
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NO	As part of the scheduled policy review the Council will consider legislative requirements and guidance available
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	Papers covering the Tobacco Control plan will be sent to councillors for discussion. A local tobacco strategy, which will include a review of smoke free and vaping policies, will follow this.
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	When asked if the council will review its policy as a result of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan & PHE's advice, the reply was "N/A". Therefore the council has refused to answer that question. It also ignored the question regarding councillors debating/discussing the issue.
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	The policy was reviewed after the publication of PHE guidance. It remains the same as it was in May 2013.
Rugby Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Runnymede Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - SCHEDULED REVIEW DUE	NO	

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Rushcliffe Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NO	The council is reviewing the Tobacco Control Plan and scoping its implications in the context of planned integration of the NCC Wellbeing at Work scheme, Making Every Contact Count (MECC, an approach to everyday interactions to promote health and wellbeing) and the Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Declaration on Tobacco Control, in order to provide support and guidance to our partners and stakeholders. This will include advice on reviewing existing policies that refer to e-cigarettes and vaping.
Rushmoor Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Although Rushmoor did not reply last year, the policy has not changed. Vaping is not referred to in its smokefree policy, although there are unwritten rules that are enforced. Will only formulate a vaping policy "if vaping becomes an issue".
Rutland County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	NO	
Ryedale District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	YES - BY 31/03/2018	NO	
Salford City Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
Scarborough Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	An annual review is due in December 2017. PHE's advice will be considered as part of this annual process. If any changes are made, then they would be approved by members in the usual way.
Scottish Borders Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	The council refers to the Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland as issued by the Scottish Government as the applicable document to Scottish Local Authorities not the Public Health England Document. The Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland as issued by the Scottish Government is discussed by the NHS Borders/ SBC Tobacco Control group and the council policy was last reviewed and discussed at the Wellbeing and Safety Committee in May of 2016 where it was decided to make no changes.
Sedgemoor District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	The Environmental Health Department have a 'Smoke free policy' and under the definition E-cigarettes have been included, and therefore follow the same rules as smoking ie. Clocking out to smoke/ only smoking in the the smoking shelter/ no smoking in works vehicle or premises.
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	YES	
Selby	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Staff are required to use smoking shelters for smoking. They are free to use e-cigarettes in the open air
Sevenoaks District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	Council replied "N/A" to this question. It states that it does not have a policy on e-cigarettes, however, the policy in practice is the same as the smoking policy.

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Sheffield City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	YES	<p>SCC are currently in the process of reviewing and developing a Smokefree policy and separate vaping policy. These policies will be developed in line with the best current evidence on vaping from Public Health England and the Royal College of Physicians. Both policies will focus on moving our employees out of tobacco addiction and will recommend the use of e-cigarettes to support people either to stop smoking or reduce their smoking as a harm reduction method.</p> <p>These policies will go through internal discussion with our staff, Trade Unions and Councillors and be signed off via appropriate board/routes prior to implementation.</p>
Shepway District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	All our policies are to be reviewed however there is no set timescale to do so.
Shetland Islands Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	Policy will be reviewed "only when Scottish guidance is issued".
Shropshire Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW	YES - SEE NOTE	Face to face Members Briefings are to be delivered in the near future and will include an update on the latest plans
Slough Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	NO	YES - WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS	YES - PORTFOLIO HOLDER IS FAMILIAR WITH THE TOBACCO CONTROL PLAN	Where smoking takes place immediately outside Council premises and it is considered that this arrangement is potentially hazardous or damaging to the Council, Employees, or members of the public, the Council will give consideration to designating an open smoking area on Council premises. This will be subject to the suitability of such an area and a risk assessment being undertaken.
Somerset County Council	YES	YES	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	NO	NO	NO	There are no plans for councillors to debate this subject. We have reviewed our Smoking at Work policy in light of e-cigarettes and their use remains prohibited in the workplace.
South Ayrshire Council	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	NO	NO	Smoking and vaping are treated the same. Smoking is not permitted within curtilage of building.
South Bucks District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO POLICY IN PLACE IN 2016	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	Employees may smoke away from the boundaries of the Council premises, subject to the operational needs of their business area. The boundary in question is identified on the attached plan and a designated smoking area has been provided.
South Cambridgeshire	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
South Derbyshire	YES	YES	SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	NO	They must leave the Council premises (whether owned or leased). This may or may not include 'grounds' which would be dependent on individual factors to the location, e.g if attached to a car park they may not have to leave the car park but must remain outside curtilage of the building.
South Gloucestershire District Council	NO - SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	DON'T KNOW	<p>We review all of our policies in line with our policy review schedule, usually on an annual basis, and consider any new guidance and/or legislation that is available at that time as part of the review.</p> <p>Both [smoking and vaping] are covered in the same policy, the only difference being that smokers are required to use designated smoking areas outside whereas users of e-cigarettes are required to use them outside but are not restricted to designated smoking areas.</p>

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South Hams District Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
South Holland	YES	YES	NO	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO - BUT THE POLICY WAS REVIEWED IN FEBRUARY 2017	NO	NO	A designated smoking/e-cigarette shelter is provided for staff and visitors. [Not clear if smokers and vapers are segregated] We do not actively encourage e-cigarettes but recognise they can aid staff to stop smoking.
South Kesteven	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NO - REVIEWED IN AUGUST 2017	NO	
South Lakeland District Council	YES	YES	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NO	NO - SCHEDULED REVIEW DUE IN 2019	NO	
South Lanarkshire Council	YES	YES	YES	YES - BUT SEE NOTE	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO - SEE NOTE	Designated smoking areas are not generally provided (a change from last year), however, as the vaping policy is exactly the same as the smoking policy, those who wish to vape on the grounds where there is a designated smoking area, would have to use it. Health is a devolved matter and there are no plans to review based on Public Health England Guidance.
South Norfolk	YES	YES	NO	YES	REVIEWED IN MARCH 2017. NO CHANGES	NO	NO	Employees who wish to smoke or vape may do so during their unpaid lunch break, at South Norfolk House and Ketteringham Depot this must be in the designated smoking area. Employees taking their unpaid lunch break off-site may smoke/vape discreetly to limit them being identified as Council workers. This could be achieved by covering identifiable logos or for depot staff by stepping behind a stationary refuse vehicle so they are not visible from the road etc.
South Northamptonshire	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NO	Although no formal policy in place, vapers are treated in exactly the same way as smokers. Staff are required to vape in the designated smoking areas.
South Oxfordshire District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	The council will be carrying out a review of policies, including staff conduct as part of the 5 Councils Partnership with Capita but I do not yet have a confirmed date for this to take place .
South Ribble Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	The Council has not reviewed its policy since the publication [of the Tobacco Control Plan] and therefore will be doing so in the near future.
South Somerset District Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Smoking is restricted to designated areas whereas vaping is restricted in offices and vehicles only (enclosed spaces).
South Staffordshire	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO - SEE NOTE - NO TIMESCALE GIVEN	NO	We update our policies periodically, we are aware of changes and these will be included within the next update
Southampton City Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	YES	The Smoking policy is being reviewed this autumn and will be renamed Non-smoking Policy. The existing policy will be in place until the new policy is developed and agreed. Southampton City Council is updating its Tobacco Control Plan next year, and discussions with Councillors about the Government's Tobacco Control Plan and PHE advice will form a part of that work. Discussions will initially take place through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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Southend-on-Sea Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	The policy doesn't encourage staff to use ENDS, but that is not an oversight, that is by design.
Spelthorne Borough Council	N/A - SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	SEE NOTE	N/A	NO	In 2016 the council stated it had an e-cigarette policy. This year it states that it "does not have a formally recorded policy on the use of e-cigarettes on council premises" and "plans to develop a policy in future." The council no longer makes vapers use designated smoking areas.
St Albans City & District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	Current smoking policy under review to add e-cigarettes, but the council doesn't appear to be taking into account PHE's advice.
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
St Helens Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	We will review our smokefree policy on a regular basis and take a considered decision about any changes. We have presented Public Health England's position to the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
Stafford Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES - DUE FOR REVIEW IN JULY 2018	NO	
Staffordshire County Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NOT SURE	SEE NOTE	REFUSED TO ANSWER AS IT WILL BE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN	I note that the response that you received last year states that the policy was under review & the revised policy is now published & available to staff. I have contacted our Strategic Health & Safety Team again to establish whether information is held which would answer this question in more detail. Please note that FOI request relate only to information held
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	YES	The policy will be subject to review during 2018, any amendments would be subject to approval by Unions and Councillors.
Stevenage Borough Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply or acknowledgement
Stirling Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	NO	NO	Tobacco and E-cigarettes will be banned on Council premises except existing external smoking areas. Consideration should also be given as to whether or not vaping (using e-cigarettes) and smoking tobacco is in keeping with the professional image of the Council, especially in workplaces where clients or members of the public come into direct contact with employees. The use of e-cigarettes at work may undermine efforts to make tobacco use unacceptable by normalising cigarette use in an environment where conventional tobacco products are banned. Although e-cigarettes may be used to aid those stopping smoking, there is insufficient evidence to prove they are safe for bystanders, and has an effect on the image the council is trying to promote.

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Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	<p>The Public Health England guidance has been discussed at the Stockport Tobacco Alliance as part of a wider discussion on e-cigarettes and vaping. Stockport Public Health are working towards a local position on these issues and once agreed this may inform future changes to council policies however at this time there is no timescale for any review.</p> <p>The Tobacco Control Plan for England was discussed at a Public Health briefing/discussion session which was principally attended by staff however two local councillors also attended this session. The Tobacco Control Plan for England and Public Health England's advice on vaping policies have been discussed at the Stockport Tobacco Alliance which is attended by the Executive Cabinet Member for Health.</p>
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	YES	The Council's No Smoking Policy was last updated in April 2014. The Council would review the policy on the issue of any further advice and guidance regarding the health benefits or otherwise of vaping from Public Health England.
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - WHERE ERECTED. NOT AVAILABLE ON ALL SITES	NO	YES	NO - SEE NOTE	The Council has a well-established 'Smokefree Stoke-on-Trent' Group which is chaired by the Councillor for Housing, Communities and Safer Cities. A wide range of partners attend including Fire Service, Trading Standards, UHNM, Combined Healthcare Trust, CCG. The group discuss policies, interventions and recent evidence base with partners. Vaping/e-cigs are a regular item on the agenda. There are no plans to debate the recent TC Plan or PHE vaping policies with all councillors.
Stratford-on-Avon	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	This and all of our Safety Procedures will be reviewed yearly.
Stroud District Council	YES	YES	YES	NOT ANSWERED	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	Electric cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are treated for all purposes as normal cigarettes.
Suffolk Coastal District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Suffolk County Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	NO	
Sunderland City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NOT YET DECIDED	
Surrey County Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	RECENTLY REVIEWED	NO	<p>Vaping is allowed externally on site. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on site.</p> <p>We have very recently launched the policy and currently in a one year count down phase to going totally smokefree. The policy (removing designated smoking areas and allowing vaping on site) was revised in May 2017 and launched on July 2017.</p>
Surrey Heath Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	If using the same designated smoking areas as 'traditional' cigarette smokers is causing an issue, staff should speak with HR who will endeavour to make suitable alternative arrangements where possible."
Swale Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Employees who smoke must do so in their own time and not in work time and where there is a designated smoking area then this should be used. This applies to all employees in all jobs at all sites and to visitors to Council premises.

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Swindon Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	Staff are no longer allowed to vape at desks since the new policy was enacted in March 2017. This was the previous policy last year: 'As it stands, we do have employees who do vape at their desk and some do leave the office to vape outside the Council building.'
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	
Tamworth Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Tandridge District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	We are currently carrying out a review of all of our Health and Safety Policies and the Smoking Policy will be included in that review
Taunton Deane Borough Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
Teignbridge District Council	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	YES - SEE NOTE	SEE NOTE	I can confirm that Teignbridge District Council has drafted a policy on the use of e-cigarettes and vaping whilst at work, this has not yet been adopted by the Council. Therefore we currently have no policy and are therefore unable to answer the questions raised in your request.
Telford & Wrekin Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	Council stated that original request was not received. Any response received will arrive too late to be included in this report
Tendring District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES	YES - SEE NOTE	Councillors do not debate but comment and agree to adopt the Council's policies.
Test Valley Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Last year the council said there was no policy in place. Clearly there was, and it is exactly the same as the smoking policy. We were told last year that the policy was due to be reviewed. This year the reply was "The Council does not currently have a plan to review its No Smoking policy in this area." This policy has not been revised since July 2005.
Tewkesbury Borough Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
Thanet District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	THIS INFORMATION IN NOT HELD	NO	
Three Rivers District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	YES - THE POLICY WILL BE REVIEWED IN 2018	NO	The Council signed up to the Hertfordshire Stop Smoking Service in 2013. There is currently no policy to encourage staff to use e-cigarettes as a means of smoking cessation.
Thurrock Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	COUNCILLOR INVOLVEMENT WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNAL PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES	Policy currently under review and a staff consultation is being designed to explore whether the workforce desire a more liberal approach to the use of e-cigarettes in line with emerging evidence.
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO	NO	Whilst we have a smoking policy which describes designated smoking areas, we do not have a separate formal policy for vaping – the issue has just not arisen, and the few that vape do not do so inside the buildings.
Torbay Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	Council stated that original request was not received. Any response received will arrive too late to be included in this report
Torfaen County Borough	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - DUE FOR REVIEW IN NOVEMBER 2017	NO	You reference a recommendation that is specific to England and therefore would not be applicable to this authority, however as stated above the current policy is due to be reviewed in November 2017.

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Torridge District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO - SCHEDULED REVIEW DUE IN APRIL 2019	NO	
Trafford Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES	NO	We are considering reviewing our smoking policy and we will take in to account the guidance from Public Health England on the use of e-cigarettes and vaping.
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	There are no plans to review this policy at the moment but all our policies are reviewed on a regular basis, normally within three years. They may be reviewed more frequently if there are regulation updates or found to be insufficient.
Uttlesford District Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
Vale of Glamorgan	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	SEE NOTE	NO	The Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales was issued in February 2012; our policy was reviewed in 2014 and has taken the Action Plan into account, it will be reviewed again in 2018.
Vale of White Horse District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO - SEE NOTE - NO TIMESCALE GIVEN	NO	The council will be carrying out a review of policies, including staff conduct as part of the 5 Councils Partnership with Capita but I do not yet have a confirmed date for this to take place .
Wakefield City Metropolitan District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	DON'T KNOW - NO REPLY IN 2016	YES	SEE NOTE	The council recognises that e-cigarettes fall outside the scope of the restrictions imposed by legislation and recognises that the evidence suggests that e-cigarettes are less harmful than smoking tobacco.
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO - SEE NOTE	NO	PH were actively involved in the production of this policy and were in agreement with the incorporation of vaping.
Warrington Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	REVIEWED IN 2017	NO	Warrington Borough Council (WBC) staff are encouraged to use the free Stop Smoking Service provided by Livewire. The Stop Smoking Service provides a number of community drop-ins across the town including one in the town centre near to the main council offices. The Stop Smoking Service is commissioned by the WBC Public Health Team and follows the Public Health England guidance in respect to e-cigarettes/vaping.
Warwick District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	
Warwickshire County Council	YES	YES	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	REVIEWED IN JUNE 2017	NO	This policy also extends to the use of E cigarettes. Employees must ensure that they smoke off site or in designated areas and that they always maintain a reasonable distance (e.g. more than 5 metres) from exits , entrances and open windows to ensure that they do not expose others to tobacco smoke.
Watford Borough Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO REPLY IN 2016 - POLICY UPDATED APRIL 2017	ALREADY REVIEWED	NO	No smoking allowed on council premises or grounds. Vaping is allowed in open air council locations.
Waveney District Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
Waverley Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	The policy will be reviewed in 2019
Wealden District Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	The Council adopted a policy on E-Cigarettes in March 2014 and has no plans to review these.
Wellingborough	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	YES - SEE NOTE	NO	The smoke free policy is scheduled to be reviewed by no later than July 2018.
Welwyn Hatfield Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED AREAS	NO	YES - UNDER REVIEW	UNDER REVIEW	

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Wigan Metropolitan Borough	YES	YES	YES	VAPING IS BANNED IN ALL COUNCIL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	YES - SEE NOTE	REVIEWED IN MAY 2017	NO	A new e-cigarettes policy was introduced in 2017. Although vapers are not required to use designated smoking areas, they now must leave the grounds. (We can only assume that designated smoking areas have been scrapped and smokers must leave the grounds too) From the new policy: <i>"The use of e-cigarettes may undermine smoking prevention and cessation by reinforcing the normalcy of cigarette use in public and workplaces. Of particular concern is how these devices closely resemble cigarettes, in terms of appearance and nomenclature, as well as features such as flavouring and styling that are potentially highly attractive to children. Therefore the council will not support the use of any device that resembles the use of a cigarette, either during working hours, or in council operated premises, as an aid to stop or reduce smoking."</i>
Wiltshire Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	Last year vapers had to use designated smoking areas. The policy has been changed and the council now has a separate vaping policy. The council also plans another review after the publication of the Government's Tobacco Control Plan.
Winchester City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS	NO	NO	NO	We do not allow vaping or smoking in council offices and I believe that the policy will be updated to specify this. We do not have designated smoking areas; staff are expected to leave council grounds to smoke and vape. I am not aware that the council will introduce a vape friendly policy or whether councillors will debate/discuss the Government's Tobacco Control Plan and/or Public Health England's advice on vaping policies.
Wirral Metropolitan Borough	NO - SEE NOTE	YES	NO	NO	YES	SEE NOTE	NO	Wirral Council's smoke free policy includes guidance on vaping. Wirral Council does not have a separate policy for vaping. Smoking is not allowed anywhere within Wirral Council or on Council owned or leased land or on or within any premises/land designated as 'smoke free' by partner organisations. Vaping is permitted in outdoor areas of Council land. The Council's Smokefree Policy was reviewed in March 2017 and will be reviewed in March 2020. However it may be necessary to review as and when required, for example, due to legislative changes or if an issue arises around its effectiveness.
Woking Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	5/11/14 - agreed at Health & Safety Committee that e-cigarettes were to be banned from the workplace. It is not under review nor is it planned for review in the near future.
Wokingham Council	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	NO REPLY	No reply
Wolverhampton City Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	YES - SEE NOTE	YES	NO	Smoking and vaping was permitted in non-enclosed areas in the grounds. The policy was reviewed earlier this year and published on 1 March 2017. The new policy states that smoking and vaping is no longer permitted in the grounds of council property. The council states that "The Government's Tobacco Control Plan recommendations will be used to provide an evidence base to build a case for e-cigarettes to be included in the local authorities smoke free policy when it is next reviewed."

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Worcester City Council	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	Smoking covers cigars, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, pipes and any other form of artificial smoking device.
Worcestershire County Council	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NOT KNOWN	E-cigarette use, known as vaping, is not covered by Smoke-free legislation. E-cigarettes do not burn tobacco and do not create smoke. While debate continues about their absolute level of safety, the consensus across England's public health community is that e-cigarettes are significantly safer for users than smoked tobacco. E-cigarettes have rapidly become the most popular stop smoking aid in England and a developing body of evidence shows that they can be effective. Policies and practice on e-cigarette use in public places and workplaces are evolving and need to continue to do so in the light of the emerging evidence.
Worthing Borough Council	YES	YES	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	NO	NO	NO	At the Health & Safety Board on 19th July 2016 the Board confirmed that there was no reason to change the present situation of excluding vaping / e-cigarettes at work following on from the publication of the Public Health document.
Wrexham County Borough Council	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	For the purposes of the Smoke Free policy e-cigarettes shall be classed in the same manner as smoking of other materials in all cases. This includes prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in Council buildings or vehicles, to prohibit the smoking of e-cigarettes within 5 metres of Council buildings doors or open windows and to advise staff they must clock out to smoke e-cigarettes in the same manner as per other smoking materials. All other aspects of the Smoke Free policy where the word smoking is referred to shall include the smoking of e-cigarettes. The power to pass laws and set policy on health matters in Wales rests with the National Assembly for Wales and Public Health Wales. On 26th January 2017 Public Health Wales updated its position statement about the potential impacts of e-cigarettes on health (http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/news/43873). This position statement recommends that, until a more definitive risk assessment can be completed, voluntary restrictions on the use of e-cigarettes in enclosed public spaces should continue.
Wychavon District Council	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	Staff must use designated smoking areas. Visitors are also directed to, and can use, the smoking areas. Policy was revised in 2016
Wycombe District Council	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	NO POLICY IN PLACE	YES	NO	Did not respond to a follow up request asking if staff are allowed to vape indoors, have to leave the grounds, or use designated smoking areas.
Wyre Borough Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	NOT ANSWERED	NOT ANSWERED	Reviewed in March 2017. Reviewed 3 yearly
Wyre Forest District Council	YES	YES	YES	NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED ON COUNCIL PREMISES OR GROUNDS	NO	YES - CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW	NO	